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SNAP SHOTS
PHOTOGRAPHERS
JOEL CLARK & LAURA SLOAN

Photographers Joel Clark and Laura Sloan were both inspired to take snap shots of spring flowers and email them to the Gazette. "I was on my walk and I saw this" Joel shared. While Laura added, "I like spring because it’s my favorite season. Because it is really pretty. I love to see sunflowers and pink daisies. On my walk we took pictures of yellow flowers!"

Take a look around next time you’re on a walk and if you are moved by what you see, capture it on a photograph to share with others. Photography has never been so easy with the invention of the cell phone camera. Now everyone can take a quality photo with their phone.

Pink Flowers © Joel Clark 2021
Yellow Flower © Laura Sloan 2021
"I remember giving flowers to my mom for a Happy Mother’s Day and drawing her a picture!"

Mother's Day Reflection by Mark Rimland

Artists & Moms from the Top:
Kathleen and James Wellman
Pat and Tina Frantz
Jackson and Patricia Kepic
There are so many ways of being
An advocate and standing up for yourself
And others that really needs their voices to be heard
Also know your own voice can be heard as well and be
Very strong, so here i have are some wonderful tips that
Can help you in the future as well as your present
These helpful tips will improve your skills even more
For the future & now, here are the tips that we can work
On now and later on in the future as well.
"The Concorde is the most beautiful aircraft your eyes will ever look upon. Can go supersonic and fly to London from New York City or back in three hours."

Anthony Wardlow
CULTURAL CORNER

EXPLORING DIVERSITY
CINCO DE MAYO - MAY 5, 2021

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday commemorating the Mexican Army’s 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). This day celebrates Mexican culture and heritage, including parades and mariachi music performances.

Share your photographs, poems, drawings, stories, comments or thoughts in Sophie’s Gazette!
Email your items to Kara Gonzales at kgonzales@stmsc.org

For more information on cultural celebrations for the month of May visit SMSC Teachable website
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MONTH OF MAY

Christopher Amato
Diane Baer
Steven Bartholomew
Heather Brewer
Stephan Bruening
Elmer Buck
Jerry Burch
Melissa Corrao
Emily Cunningham
Sara Elias
Owen Godfrey
Dong Han
Luis Herrera
Austin Hiscock
Kristian Huerta
William Lane
Felicia Laverdiere
Jacklyn Leong
Virginia Lippold
Amy Lodewyks
Nicole Lumpkin
Benjamin Mason
Michael Mercadante

Stephanie Monis
Samir O’Brien
Jessica Pena
Paul Prutzman
Karina Reid
Paul Rioux
Lisa Rowin
Tiffany Simpson
Salvatore Sottile
Roberto Suarez
Anne Thunder
Richard Van Nuis
Gabrielle Vargas
Cali Williams
Ronald Yeatman

Birthday Cake © Linda Rubin
CHAPTER 1

Betsy is John’s wife. She was known for her pigtail hair, which was just 1 of the things that caught John’s attention when he was courting her. She was also the schoolteacher in Ursprings. Not only that, but she also ran the Boarding House, too. In fact Betsy, John and their children all lived in the Boarding House because even with 3 jobs, John and Betsy couldn’t afford to buy a house. John was going to try to find a 2nd job but by the time he got around to it, the drought came.

CHAPTER 2

Before leaving Ursprings, Betsy chose to clean both the Boarding House and Schoolhouse. She had finished sweeping the boarding house floors. Now she was starting to sweep the schoolhouse floor. As she was sweeping, she stared at all the empty chairs by the desks. Luckily for her, she was able to recall the names of all her students, especially since 5 of her kids, happened to be students in her class.

CHAPTER 3

Betsy and John had 6 kids altogether. Their 6th child was too young for school. They weren’t planning on having 6 kids, but 1 thing for sure, the kids kept them busy. The oldest boy was named Willy, who could play the violin. The oldest girl was named Sammy. She was Willy’s twin sister. Violet was the 2nd to the oldest girl in age. Violet liked her name. She liked her name so much that she always wears a violet ribbon in her hair. Dale was the 2nd to the oldest boy in age. Wilma was the 3rd to the oldest girl in age. She was a bookworm. She always could be found with eyeglasses on and a book in her hand. Not only that, but she wasn’t old enough to go to college yet but with all the reading she was doing, she was practically all ready for it. Shane was the youngest boy in age, who had just begun learning how to talk. Shane had a dog named Finn (a rough coat collie dog).
The artists of Sophie’s Gallery celebrated the special bond between humans and canines in a whimsical collection of collagraph dog prints. Collagraph printmaking, is a low-tech & non-toxic medium, that was invented in the 1950’s and combines intaglio and relief printing techniques. Artists built printing plates using recycled paper glued to a rigid support that were inked and passed through the printing press twice. The first pass through the press makes the background and second pass through the press creates the foreground of the finished prints.

Doggo Print © Sheldon Wallace 2019